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POWERBALL JACKPOT ROLLS TO \$204 MILLION!

-Person County Man Wins \$800,000 Playing Powerball-

RALEIGH- The Powerball jackpot has rolled to an estimated \$204 million for Saturday's drawing. That's because there were no jackpot winners in last night's drawing, but a Person County man won \$800,000. He today became the third \$800,000 winner in a week when he matched all five white balls in Wednesday's Powerball drawing. There are also several more big winners from last night's drawing with prizes ranging from \$200,000 to \$10,000. Another player won \$77,777 playing the lottery's instant scratch-off game "Ruby Red 7's."

Willie Scott of Roxboro said he spent only \$2 on his Power Play ticket that was purchased at the Handi Cupboard on Durham Road in Roxboro. "I've been praying for a financial blessing," Scott said as he fought back his emotions.

Scott said he had only played Powerball three times. He decided to play this time because the jackpot had reached \$178 million. "I was watching the drawing last night and when I saw the numbers, I jumped up and ran towards the TV," he said. "I was so nervous I couldn't get the light on in the room. I didn't know what I had won but I knew I won something."

Scott said he immediately called his mother to ask her what the prize was for matching five white balls and she didn't know.

"That's when I got my wife out of bed and we went back to the store and found out I had won \$800,000," he added. "I started jumping and my wife started jumping."

Scott, who just started working three weeks ago as a correctional officer at Polk Youth Institution in Butner, said he will leave his new job and restart a trucking company that he once owned.

He plans to pay off the mortgage on his home, buy he and his wife, Brenda, new cars, take a vacation, and save.

Winners from the August 2 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Willie Scott	Roxboro	\$800,000	Handi Cupboard 2932 Durham Road, Roxboro
Unknown		\$200,000	One Stop #2, 418 Broad St., Brevard

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Winners from the August 2 Powerball drawing con't:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Unknown		\$40,000	Food Lion #473 3505 Patterson Ave., Winston-Salem
Unknown		\$10,000	Circle K #8214 556 Piney Green Rd., Jacksonville
James Border	High Point	\$10,000	Pantry Shop #1 2700 Lexington Ave., High Point
Unknown		\$10,000	Quick Trip #3 507 N. Louisiana Ave., Asheville
Unknown		\$10,000	Three Mile Quick Mart 8926 Linville Falls Highway, Newland
Unknown		\$10,000	Sandy's Convenient Mart #2 300 Herring Ave., Wilson
Unknown		\$10,000	Citistop 1361 Patton Ave., Asheville
Unknown		\$10,000	High House Food Mart 832 Old Apex Rd., Cary

Note: Scott actually won \$200,000, but because he chose the Power Play feature, he increased his winnings to \$800,000. The \$40,000 winner also Power Played. The multiplier was four. The \$200,000 and \$10,000 winners did not Power Play.

Winners from the July 29 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Margaret Jacobs	Clinton	\$40,000	Friendly Mart #9 501 N. East Blvd., Clinton
Gilberto Sanchez	Fayetteville	\$40,000	Kangaroo Express #486 6605 Raeford Rd., Fayetteville
Melanie Hawks	Elon	\$10,000	Pit Stop #9 2585 S. Church St., Burlington

Note: Jacobs and Sanchez won \$10,000 by matching four of the white balls and the Powerball. They chose the Power Play feature to increase their winnings to \$40,000. The multiplier for that draw was four. The \$10,000 winner did not Power Play.

Instant scratch-off game top tier winners:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Game Played</u>
Jimmy Currence	Lowell	\$77,777	"Ruby Red 7's"
Dorothy Newsome	Wilson	\$8,888	"Wild 8's"
David Fulghum	Asheville	\$8,888	"Wild 8's"

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